

I am opposed to Mr. Leggett's petition. I believe that current amateur radio technology is much more reliable than the older technology that Mr. Leggett would have the manufacturers utilize. So although the equipment might be field repairable (then again as many others have pointed out it might not be practical to repair or it might not be repaired competently) it would be more prone to failure in the first place. New equipment provides much better performance and reliability for the same dollar than the equipment of the 1970's and 1980's. I would much rather buy two VHF/UHF rigs and keep one as a spare rather than be required by law to buy a larger, heavier, more expensive and less capable rig that I could take apart in the field. Our time is better spent operating a spare radio than attempting to repair our only non-functional radio.